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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MAKINO, Masahiro**

Group Art Unit: 2833

Serial No.: 10/556,358

Examiner: **Travis Sloan Chambers**

Filed: **November 10, 2005**

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For: **JOINT CONNECTOR BLOCK**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 1, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.